CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science

Minutes of meeting no. 85-6

of the

Engineering and Computer Science Faculty Council

held

Friday, 15 November 1985

Present: Professors B. Ashtakala, J. Atwood, A.E. Blach, T.D. Bui, M. Douglass, A.K. El-Hakeem, D. Feldman, H.K. Ha, J.F. Hayes, J.F. Lindsay, H.J. McQueen, T. Radhakrishnan, T.S. Sankar, S. Sarraf, R. Shinghal, T. Stathopoulos, K. Thulasiraman, C.Y. Suen, G.D. Xistris (Acting Chairman); P. Bourassa (Secretary); R. Martin (Registrar's representative); L. Harris (SEL Library); C. Lisio, T. Cella (ECSA)

Absent with apology: M.N.S. Swamy (Chairman), R. De Mori, H.B. Poorooshasb

Motion 85-6-1 1. Council unanimously adopted a motion to approve the published agenda. The Chairman noted additional items to be discussed under "Other Business".

Motion 85-6-2 2. Council unanimously adopted a motion to approve the minutes of meeting 85-5 with the addition of the words CLOSED SESSION to item 2.

3. Chairman's remarks

Dr. G.D. Xistris acting as Chairman reported on the Dean's absence at a reunion of Deans of Engineering in Calgary.

He also reported on the fact that the Canadian Accreditations Board agreed to accept the position of Quebec universities regarding the complementary studies content of the second year CEGEP curriculum. As a consequence, we may leave out, pending a final review of our programme by the C.A.B., the additional course in complementary studies which had been included in the 1986-87 undergraduate curriculum. The Dean was advised of this new development just before the submission to the Senate of the changes to the undergraduate curriculum approved by Council. In order to take advantage of this new ruling from the C.A.B., the proposed changes as described in Document 85-4-3 were modified to exclude the addition of 3 credits in complementary studies to the Engineering Core and to reduce normal credit requirements by 3.

A revised copy of Document ECFC 85-4-3 was therefore distributed to the Council members at the same time as the agenda. Some corrections being required to ensure conformity throughout the document with the final decisions, the Chairman called on the Secretary to read out the corrections so that all copies could be amended accordingly. These are:

page 7 - Fourth line from bottom - number of credits for CIVI 471 course is 4.5;
page 8 - Computer Engineering Core - fourth title from bottom is Sequential Circuits (to agree with description on page 20);
- remove ENGR 441 from electives and add ENCS 471;
page 9 - the fifth course title in the Electrical Engineering Core is Physical Systems and Measurements (to agree with description on page 12);
page 20 - the last word of the title for COEN 416 should be "Computers".

4. Graduate Course Changes

a) New Courses

Motion 85-6-3 Council unanimously adopted a motion to approve the new courses, deletions and changes listed in Section 1 of Document ECFC 85-6-1.

b) Changes to the Diploma in Computer Science

Motion 85-6-4 Council unanimously adopted a motion to approve the changes described in subsections 2.1 and 2.2 of Document ECFC 85-6-1 with the modification proposed by ECGSC, i.e., the addition of 1 credit for a computer language laboratory (except Pascal and LISP which are "bundled with a course).

c) Additional changes recommended by ECGSC

From the discussion, it appeared that the departments involved had not had the opportunity of discussing the proposed changes before the meeting. Separate votes were requested for each of the four items in Document ECFC 85-6-2.

Motion 85-6-5 Council unanimously adopted a motion to approve item 1 of Document ECFC 85-6-2.

Motion 85-6-6 Since there was no consensus emerging from the discussion of items 2, 3 and 4 of Document ECFC 85-6-2, Council unanimously adopted a motion to table these items for ECGSC to re-consider in consultation with the appropriate departments, submit to the Assistant Dean for forwarding to Senate for inclusion in the Calendar, and report back to Council.

5. Change to Course Description - COMP 456
This new course description had been inadvertently left out of Document ECFC 85-4-3.

Motion 85-6-7 Council unanimously approved a motion to amend as proposed in Doc. 85-6-3 the description given for the COMP 456 course on page 27 of Doc. ECFC 85-4-3.

6. Restriction to scheduling of final exams
Motion 85-6-8 Council considered a motion stipulating that final exams can only be held during final exam period.
Adopted: 12 for, 1 against, 3 abstentions.

7. Other Business
Dr. Lindsay enquired if, in view of the disappearance of the 15-credit minimum requirement for accreditation, Council still expected a report from the Social Aspects Committee on the question of the "complementary studies" part of the programme. The answer was affirmative.

On behalf of the Advisory Committee on Computer Resources, Dr. Atwood reported that access problems to computer equipment were often due to outdated documentation. He therefore requested that faculty members check their documentation with the Computer Centre.

There was a request that the Council members be provided with a list of anticipated meeting dates.

8. Motion to Adjourn
Motion 85-6-9 Council unanimously adopted a motion to adjourn.